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Supply of power drills to ryots in Tiruchirappalli district.

* 1337 Q.—Sri P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Government power drills in the State, which are in working condition and in actual use;

(*b*) the number of applications from ryots for the power drills pending before the District Collector, Tiruchirappalli, or before the Assistant Director of Industries and Commerce, Tiruchirappalli;

(*c*) the normal period of use of a drill by a ryot;

(*d*) whether any representation was received by the Government for the allotment of an additional power drill for Tiruchirappalli; and if so, whether any allotment was made; and

(*e*) how the order of allotment is fixed?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" (*a*) Twenty, Sir.

" (*b*) The number of applications from ryots for the power drills pending before the District Collector, Tiruchirappalli is 31.

" (*c*) The normal period of use of a drill by a ryot cannot be fixed as it depends usually upon the hardness of the stratum drilled through, the depth at which springs are met with and the strength of the springs.

" (*d*) Yes, Sir. Two additional power drills have been allotted to Tiruchirappalli district.

" (*e*) The order of allotment is fixed every year by the Collector in consultation with the District Planning Board."

Number of steamers calling at the Nagapattinam Port in a month.

* 1338 Q.—Sri S. VADIVELU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the number of steamers that were calling at the Nagapattinam Port in a fortnight or a month in the years 1939 to 1941 and in 1950 to 1953 April?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" The average number of steamers that called at the Nagapattinam Port in a month and a fortnight in the years 1939 to 1941 and 1950 to 1953 April are:

1939	—	11	per month	and	5	per fortnight.
1940	—	6	,,		3	,,
1941	—	6	,,		3	,,
1950	—	3	,,		1	,,
1951	—	5	,,		2	,,
1952	—	4	,,		2	,,

1953 (up to April) 5 per month and 2 per fortnight.

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Sri N. SIVARAJ :—" ஸார், நாகப்பட்டிணம் துறைமுகமானது சமீப காலத்தில் சர்க்காரால உதாசீனப்படுத்தப்பட்டு வருகிறது. அங்கு அதிகமான கப்பல்கள் வந்து ஏற்றுமதியும இறக்குமதியும் பெருகுவதற்கு நாகப்பட்டிணம் துறைமுகத்தை அபிவிருத்தி செய்வதற்கு சர்க்கார் முன் வருவார்களா ? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" இதற்கும் மூலக் கேள்விக்கும் சம்பந்தம் இல்லாமல் இருக்கிறதே ! If the Hon. Minister wants to answer the question, I have no objection."

(The Hon. Minister was heard to say, ' A separate question may be put.')

(Sri K. Vinayakam and another member stood up to put the next question No. 1339 on behalf of Sri Mookkiah Thevar.)

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri Mookkiah Thevar is in his place. Why should another hon. Member put his question? "

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, by way of abundant caution, he told me in the veranda to put his question on his behalf in case he should be late in coming to his seat."

Erasure of the inscriptions of the names of the donors on the lights in the Meenakshiamman temple, Madurai.

* 1339 *Q*.—Sri K. MOOKKIAH THEVAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of lights—tube and dome—donated to the Meenakshiamman temple in Madurai by individuals;

(*b*) whether the names of such donors have been inscribed on such lights;

(*c*) whether Hon. the Prime Minister of India during his recent visit to the temple suggested the erasure of these inscriptions; and

(*d*) if so, whether the Government have carried out the suggestions of Hon. the Prime Minister?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Six tube lights and thirteen dome lights have been donated to Sri Meenakshiamman Devasthanam.

" (*b*) Names of donors have been inscribed on all lights except two tube lights.

" (*c*) No. The Prime Minister objected generally to any form of advertisement in temples, and referred to a specific neon sign.

" (*d*) Does not arise."